

*J. A. Williams*

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

### Judson Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

### EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th, '88.

#### OFFICERS:

R. S. THOMAS,	Richmond, Miss.,	MODERATOR.
J. A. TAYLOR,	Guntown, Miss.,	CLERK.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,	Richmond, Miss.,	TREASURER.

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION of the Judson Association convened with Evergreen Church, Itawamba county, Miss., September 6th, 1888. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Gillentine. Text: John 6:44.

One hour was given for refreshments, after which the Association was called together by singing; Moderator, Elder J. C. Gillentine in the chair.

Prayer by Elder St. Clair Lawrence.

The Moderator notified the body that our former Clerk had been removed by death, and,

On motion of J. M. Armstrong, Elder H. F. Von Kohn was elected Clerk, *pro tem*. The Moderator appointed R. S. Thomas and Elder J. L. Turnage to read the letters from the several churches.

Petitionary letters called for.

Plantersville church, Lee county, asked to be admitted to membership, which was unanimously received and her delegates welcomed by the Moderator to seats with the body. At this point, prayer was offered in behalf of the churches in this Association.

Elder J. B. Gambrell led in prayer.

On motion, of Brother W. D. McCarty, that we elect our Moderator and Clerk from the laymen.

On motion, of Elder W. J. Thomas, the same was tabled.

Elders J. B. Gambrell and W. H. Moore being requested to act as Tellers, the Association went into permanent organization, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, R. S. Thomas; Clerk, J. A. Taylor; Treasurer, J. M. Armstrong.

The Moderator made some appropriate remarks ex-

pressing his appreciation of the confidence placed in him by electing him to fill so important a station, then appointed the following committee:

*On Devotional Exercises*—H. E. Partlow, P. J. Mattox, B. Lesley, with the pastor and deacons of this church.

On motion, of Elder J. L. Turnage, the Association adopted, as a guide, the Parliamentary Law of P. H. Mell.

Elder J. B. Gambrell was received as a correspondent and as a representative of the State Board and Southern Baptist Record, also Elder D. R. McClung, of the Tombigby Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Temperance*—Elder St. Clair Lawrence, W. D. McCarty, J. D. Howerton.

*On Missions*—Elder J. C. Gillentine, W. B. Whitaker, J. W. Morris.

*On Literature*—Elder J. L. Turnage, W. J. Thomas, S. D. Stegall.

*Ministerial Education*—Elder J. L. Turnage, A. E. Gregory, Robert Birmingham.

*On Schools and Colleges*—W. D. McCarty, J. D. Howerton, P. W. Stovall.

*On Obituaries*—Elder St. Clair Lawrence, J. M. Beacham, W. B. Whitaker.

*On State of Religion*—Elder W. H. Moore, J. M. Haynes, John Morgan.

*On Sunday-Schools*—Elder J. A. McCulley, J. M. Armstrong, J. D. Coggins.

*On Finance*—W. B. Whitaker, Henry Merchant, W. D. McCarty.

Report of the Devotional Committee: That Elder J. B. Gambrell preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

After benediction by Elder J. B. Gambrell, the Association adjourned to half past 8, to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, at half-past 8 o'clock, Moderator in the chair, who read the 3d chapter of John, after which Elder J. B. Gambrell led in prayer.



The minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The following were received as visitors. Elder J. W. Randolph, of Tombigby, and J. S. Stockden, of Bear Creek Association.

At 11 o'clock, Elder J. B. Gambrell preached an interesting sermon. First Titus, 2d chapter and 10th verse, after which the Association took a recess to half-past 1 o'clock.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Association met at half-past 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder St. Clair Lawrence.

Devotional committee report, that Elder J. S. Stockden preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Association spent the afternoon on the subject of Temperance, and, after benediction by Elder J. L. Turnage adjourned to half-past 8 o'clock to-morrow.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at half-past 8 o'clock; the Moderator and Clerk being absent, Elder W. J. Thomas was called to the chair; J. W. Morris, Clerk. The Moderator read the 8th Division of the Psalms, after which Elder J. W. Randolph led in prayer.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended. The Moderator and Clerk arrived and filled their respective places, and the Moderator appointed the following correspondence:

*To Baptist State Convention*—Elder St. Clair Lawrence, Elder J. L. Turnage, Elder J. C. Gillentine, W. B. Whitaker, J. A. Williams and R. S. Thomas.

*To Chickasaw Association*—Elders W. J. Thomas, J. A. Brinkley.

*To Tombigby Association*—Elders St. Clair Lawrence, J. J. Turner and J. C. Gillentine and Brothers J. D. Coggins, K. A. Armstrong, J. W. Morgan.

*To Tishomingo Association*—Brethren J. S. Howerton and H. D. Ratliff.

*To West Judson Association*—Elders J. L. Turnage, J. C. Gillentine, W. J. Thomas and Brethren K. A. Armstrong, R. S. Thomas and J. A. Taylor.

On motion, the Association opened correspondence with

*The Sipsey Association*—Elder St. Clair Lawrence and Brethren J. D. Coggins and B. Lesley.

*To Aberdeen Association*—W. D. McCarty, H. E. Partlow, R. S. Thomas, Elder St. Clair Lawrence and J. A. Brinkley.

On motion, Elder J. L. Turnage is requested to correspond with the Cold Water Association at their next session.

Resumed the regular order of business, petitionary letters called for, Town Creek Church, Lee County, Miss., ask to be admitted to membership which was unanimously received, and her delegates welcomed by the Moderator to a seat in the body, and requested that this association grant them a letter of dismission, to join the Aberdeen Association, on motion, was granted. Adjourned to 1 o'clock, at which time Elder J. S. Stocden preached to a well-ordered congregation. Text: Job 21: 15.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Association assembled and took in consideration the place of holding the next session of this body resulted in the selection of Plantersville Church. Elder W. J. Thomas, to preach the Introductory Sermon; J. C. Gillentine; alternate.

The Association went into election of Executive Committee resulted in the election of Brothers J. M. Armstrong, B. Lesley, J. A. Taylor, W. B. Whitaker and J. A. Williams.

Devotional Committee report, that Elder D. R. McClung will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and Elder J. S. Stocden, to-morrow night.

A motion carried to incorporate in the Minutes a report of all money collected for Mission Purposes, and that we have printed with these minutes, our constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rule of Decorum.

On motion of J. A. Williams, the clerk is allowed \$5.00 for his services and to have as many minutes printed as he can.

On call by the Moderator, the following Committees read their reports, by their respective chairman, and were adopted, to-wit:

## Report on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature would report, that of all Literature that has been placed before the human family for consideration and adoption, the Bible should occupy the highest position in our minds, or claiming our first attention, our greatest care and sincere estimation.

We therefore recommend first and above all, the reading of the Bible, we would also recommend the reading of The Southern Baptist Record, through which we may learn the progress of Baptist principles in other nations where we have Missionaries at work, as well as at home in our own State, if we would be posted on the Prohibition question, let us read the Record.

We further recommend to the favorable notice of the Baptist everywhere, to take and read the Tennessee Baptist, edited by Brethren Graves and Moody, Memphis, Tenn., we believe them to be safe in counsel and able in the defence of the faith once delivered to the Saints. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal. We regret to say that our country is flooded with literature that is not only unprofitable, but is calculated to deceive the people and produce negligence in regard to reading of God's Word. We do, therefore, most earnestly recommend that the Baptists, especially, leave off the reading of all such unprofitable literature and read God's Word more, and read it with prayerful hearts and a desire to know the truth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. THOMAS, Ch'n.

## Report on Temperance.

*Resolved*, 1st. That dram-drinking is an iniquity. "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven." 1st Cor. 6:10. As a gosling is simply an unfledged goose—so is a tippler a drunkard undeveloped.

*Resolved*, 2. That the encouragement of drunkenness by the selling or giving away of ardent spirits as a beverage is a sin not to be tolerated by moral societies much less Christian churches. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink—that putteth the bottle to him."—Heb. 2:15. As he who is privy to a murder is, himself, guilty under the law, so is he that directly en-

courages the sale of ardent spirits, by word or vote, morally culpable for the crimes resulting from the whiskey dens which he helps to license.

*Resolved*, 3rd. That this expression of our temperance views has no respect to State or National politics; but seeing as we do the armies of Satan marching and counter-marching with banners, on which are emblazoned dynamite Ancharism, Communism, Nihilism, anti-Sabbathism and Infidelity recruited and recruiting from saloons and dram shops, we would be recreant to our highest duty, to our homes, our children and our God should we fail to give expression to our unqualified condemnation of the whisky traffic as a pestiferous evil, dangerous alike to public welfare and the advancement of the great cause which we respect.

Respectfully submitted,

ST. CLAIR LAWRENCE, Ch'n.

#### Report on Missions.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

The subject of Missions is one of the most important subjects in the Bible, because the Lord commanded the church at Jerusalem and all her successors, when he said to them, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark, 16:15. Also "Teach all nations."—Matthew 28:19-20. Also, and this is written, "And thus it behooved Christ to suffer," &c.—Luke, 24:46-47; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." We have the command from our Lord that is sufficiently broad to cover the subject.

Whose duty is it to do this work? The churches of the kingdom of Christ individually and as a body. How are we to do this work? Answer—by our men and our means. We are required to help with our mite. Where is the work to be done? At home, in the adjacent neighborhood, in the destitution of our own State, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The minutes of our State Convention show that home work is prospering, also that our State has done more for Foreign Missions this year than ever before. We find a falling off in total, this year, of \$1,400—\$86,400



against \$87,800 last year. We believe it is for the want of more zeal for the Master's cause. O, Lord, give us the spirit of missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. J. C. GILLENLINE, Ch'n.

#### Supplementary Report on Missions.

*Resolved*, That this body earnestly recommend to the various churches the duty of systematic giving to the various mission calls, and we do sincerely hope that each church will help our Board by sending up to our fifth Sunday meetings the amount collected by them for this purpose.

J. L. TURNAGE.

#### Schools and Colleges.

We believe that education of the proper kind has a tendency to develop the mental, moral and physical faculties to such a degree as will render an individual, a church, or a community most useful to God in carrying out his great injunction, through Christ in us, better capacitated to perform their duty to each other, and to the church, and to prepare us more fully to thank God for the mercies and favors bestowed upon us. We believe that these advantages can be better accomplished by Colleges of our denomination. We would most urgently insist that, as individuals, as churches, and as our Association, we use all laudable means to maintain the schools of our own denomination. We would most heartily recommend our young men, who prepare themselves for the ministry, to the many advantages offered them by our State College. Let us workers for the spread of the gospel and for the cause of the blessed Master, put forth every effort to build up this College and to sustain it in the noble work.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. D. McCARTY, Ch'n.

#### Obituaries.

Our report is sad. We are reminded of the death of some of our most faithful brethren—men that have been true and efficient in the great work peculiar to the deliberations of this body. Deacon C. A. Marshall, a pioneer in the Baptist cause within our bounds—former

Treasurer of this body—a man ever alive to the interests of the Baptist cause, has been called to his great reward. Our loss in the death of this noble Deacon is his eternal gain.

Brother James Monroe Cook, a constitutional member of this body, and for many years its faithful Clerk, a man honored and beloved by all the brotherhood, has gone to his triumphant home. How we are ever ready to weep upon the organization of this session to behold his vacant seat.

Death has robbed us of one of our grandest men and ministers of the gospel, in the person of Elder W. H. McKenney. As his life was one of faith, his death was one of triumph.

Besides these deceased brethren, whose names we love to honor, we have heard, with sadness, of several other beloved brethren and sisters, viz: James Turner of Pleasant Hill Church, who lived a dutiful Christian and died in the faith of Jesus at the advanced age of more than four score years. James Boren, of Friendship Church, one of the oldest and most beloved of our brotherhood. Alfred Boren, of Oak Grove Church, a good and useful man, J. Frank Moore, of Richmond, and D. Grimes, of Mantachie, good and true brethren.

We also have knowledge of the following sisters, viz: Dora Morris, the devoted wife of our Brother Morris, of this body; Sister Derrett, of Mantachie; Sister Alice Wood, of Friendship; Sister Minnie Cauffman, of Bethel, and Sister Little, of Hopewell. There may be others who have not come to our knowledge. Our condolence is extended to all the bereaved, and we look forward with hope when we shall meet our beloved dead in the great Association, Triumphant.

Respectfully submitted,

ST. CLAIR LAWRENCE, Ch'n.

#### Ministerial Education.

In discussing this subject, several things are to be considered. First: The qualification of those who desire help. Does the individual possess gospel prerequisites? Is he in a dependent condition? These are questions that every one should ask, and every church

should be able to answer in the affirmative for her candidate; then it becomes the duty of every member of the church, to which the applicant belongs, to contribute to his needs, and every Christian should do all in his or her power to help to educate those who desire to preach Christ and him crucified, and are hindered from doing so for want of literary advantages. Brethren, of the Judson Association, let us turn over a new leaf, and let every delegate who is here go back to his home fully determined to do all that he can to get this church to contribute to the development of our ministry; for we must educate our young ministers in order to fully equip them for the fast increasing demands that are being made on us, as churches of Jesus Christ, for men cannot tell what they do not know, therefore, it is our duty as children of God to help them to learn the wonderful truths that the Deity has revealed to us. For in the language of another, "we should not strive to be wise above that which is not witten, but we should strive diligently to know what is written."

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. TURNAGE, Chairman.

#### State of Religion.

Your Committee on the State of Religion report, that from our own knowledge, also from reading of the letters from the different churches of this Association, that religion is both in a reviving and progressive state, for which, brethren, we should thank God, and pray that the good work may go on until the perfect day.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MOORE, Chairman.

#### Report on Sunday Schools.

We believe it is the duty of every church to build up and sustain a good Sunday school, and we regret to learn from the various letters that this duty is much neglected in the bounds of this association. We heartily recommend to each church the necessity of organizing and carrying on a Sunday school. We also recommend that some standard Baptist Literature be used.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McCULLY, Chairman.

As there was no report on documents, the following is submitted. The union of the 1st district, will meet with the church at Unity, Thursday, before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1889, Elder T. H. Turner, to preach the introductory Sermon, Elder J. J. Turner, alternate. Brethren will read essays as follows:

1. Does the Spirit precede the word; Elder J. J. Turner.
2. Is the Atonement General; S. H. Turner.
3. What is the difference between the Kingdom of Grace and the Kingdom of Glory; Elder T. H. Turner.
4. Does Christ reign in His church or over it; Elder J. A. McCulley.
5. Where was the church during the Dark Ages; Jno. A. Williams.

The Union of the 2nd District will meet with the church at Centerhill, Thursday before 1st Sunday in August, 1889. Elder J. L. Turnage to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. S. Threlkild, alternate. Brethren will read essays as follows:

1. When and by whom, was Sprinkling and pouring substituted for Christian Baptism; Elder J. L. Turnage.
2. Has the Prayer that Christ taught His Disciples to pray in 6th Chapter of Mathew, "Thy Kingdom Come" ever been answered. Elder J. C. Gilleutine.
3. What does Christian Baptism symbolize; Elder R. S. Thomas.
4. Can a church prosper while retaining in her fellowship, members who are given to drunkenness; W. R. Moore.
5. What should be done with members who do not attend their church meetings, or help by their means to preach the Gospel? Elder W. J. Thomas.

Respectfully,

.....Clerk.

**Finance Report.**

Minute fund collected.		
From Bethel	Church.....	\$2.00
" Bougfala	" .....	2.25
" Centerhill	" .....	2.65
" Evergreen	" .....	1.25
" Fellowship	" .....	.85



"	Friendship	"	.....	1.00
"	Hopewell	"	.....	1.50
"	Liberty	"	.....	.25
"	Mantachie	"	.....	.95
"	Macedonia	"	.....	.15
"	Mt. Vernon	"	.....	.60
"	Oak Hill	"	.....	.55
"	Oak Grove	"	.....	1.00
"	Plantersville	"	.....	2.15
"	Pleasant Hill	"	.....	1.60
"	Richmond	"	.....	2.50
"	Shiloh	"	.....	.....
"	Town Creek	"	.....	1.60
"	Unity	"	.....	.80
"	Union Hill	"	.....	1.50

Total.....\$25.15

**Associational Missions.**

From Center Hill Church	.....	\$9 05
" Evergreen	" .....	2 35
" Plantersville	" .....	1 50
" Oak Hill	" .....	1 35
" Friendship	" .....	1 25
By public collection	.....	9 90

Total.....\$25 40

**Foreign Missions.**

From Center Hill Church	.....	\$9 00
" Richmond	" .....	3 00
" Evergreen	" .....	25
" Pleasant Hill	" .....	3 20
" Plantersville	" .....	1 50

Total.....\$17 00

**Recapitulation.**

Received on Minute Fund	.....	\$25 15
" " Associational Missions	.....	25 40
" " Foreign	.....	17 00

Total.....\$67 55

Respectfully submitted,  
W. B. WHITAKER, Ch'n.

**Resolution.**

*Resolved*, That the the thanks of this body is hereby tendered to our beloved Brother, Elder J. C. Gillentine, who has made us a faithful Moderator for the past two years; and we electing another to the Moderatorship, would have all men to know that we do so from the best of motives. We would not cast a single shaft that would wound the feelings of our Brother, nor would we have any one to suppose that the change made, was intended to cast a shadow over the unspotted escutcheon of the noble and faithful servant of God, who is ever at his post of duty, as a faithful and true witness.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. TURNAGE, Chairman.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Amount received for Associational Missions.....	\$25 40
“ “ “ Foreign Missions.....	17 00
“ “ “ Minute Fund.....	25 15
Total.....	67 55

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Ch'n.

The following resolutions were offered by Brother H. E. Partlow, and unanimously adopted by the Association:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this church and unanimously adopted by the Association; that the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for the hospitalities extended to us, during this session of our association.

The association then joined in singing Rock of Ages, the parting hand extended and benediction by Elder W. J. Thomas, the association adjourned to meet with Plantersville Church, on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1889.

R. S. THOMAS, Moderator.  
J. A. TAYLOR, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

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We the united Baptist Churches, in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter, from the following Associations, viz.: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan.

ARTICLE. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union; who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express the number of white male and female members, number of colored members, time of meeting, number baptized, received by baptism, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded or died since the last meeting of this body, name of pastor and post-office.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, or intringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in Union, but shall be advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union who may depart from the orthodox principles of the gospel, either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe, may be seen in our Abstracts.)

ART. 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates, if found to be sound in faith and in good order; the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. The Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

ART. 7. This Association shall, annually, elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it; also a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by the voluntary contributions of the churches sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him as Treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present; except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. This Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session, also the time and place for the next session.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our union, only when established by a sister church.

Article 14. This constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the body.

Article 15. Minutes to be read and adopted, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the association finally adjourns.

#### Abstract of Principles.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe that the scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and that this triune God is the only object of all Religions Worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to anything else in the name God is idolatry, and abomination in his sight.
3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence that all his posterity by ordinary generation are involved in all the consequences of his fall.
4. We believe that man by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition; and that unless God himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they all have sinned.
5. We believe that God has provided a way of Salvation, and has revealed it to us with gospel of his Son, that this way of salvation was adopted in the eternal council before the foundation of the world, according to which, God saves sinners through the sanctification of the spirit, and belief of the truth.
6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the



Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe that Jesus Christ the Eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man, that he first became our surety, and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that he makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon his own and all atoning sacrifice and perfect Righteousness, before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the Righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, shall be eternally saved.

11. We believe that christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body; but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God; and that it is the duty of christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church, and the advance of his kingdoms; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in his providence may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions, or ordinances to be observed in his church, viz.: Baptism and the Lord's supper; that Baptism is immersion in water, with name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that Baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly Baptized Ministers have any right to administer them.

ART. 16. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life, and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

17. Finally, we believe that the gospel, with all its obligations, privileges and blessings has been committed to the church; and it is especially enjoined to make it known to every creature, while a risen and assended Savior pledges his presence to the end of the world.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.

ART. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the association shall direct and absentees marked, any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	NAME OF
Bouffala.....	J. L. Turnage.....	Mooreville.....	W. B. Whitaker, A. E. Gregory
Belhel.....	J. L. Turnage.....	Abney.....	J. L. Turnage, J. E. Edwards
Center Hill.....	H. F. Von Kohn.....	Plantersville.....	H. F. Von Kohn, H. E. Part
Evergreen.....	W. H. Moore.....	Bigby Fork.....	W. H. Moore, S. Stegall, H. M
Fellowship.....	J. L. Turnage.....	Sa tillo.....	Henry Merchant, J. B. Dyer, C
Friendship.....	St. Clair Lawrence.....	Guntown.....	J. A. McCulley, J. D. Howerton
Hopewell.....	St. Clair Lawrence.....	Abney.....	St. Clair Lawrence, J. C. Gillet
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Plantersville.....	J. L. Turnage.....	Plantersville.....	K. A. Armstrong, J. A. Willia
Pleasant Hill.....	J. L. Turnage.....	Tupelo.....	A. J. Do y.....
Richmond.....	J. L. Turnage.....	Richmond.....	R. S. Thomas, B. Leslie; Jessie
Shiloh.....	St. Clair Lawrence.....	Kirkville.....	.....
Town Creek.....	W. F. Davis.....	Nettleton.....	H. T. Q. illen.....
Unity.....	J. A. McCulley.....	Guntown.....	.....
Union Hill.....	St. Clair Lawrence.....	Nettleton.....	J. D. Coggins.....
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## IE OF DELEGATES.

	Contributions for Minutes.	Days of meeting	Received by Bap- tism	Received by letter	Restored	Dis- mis'd by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Fellowship
G. Gregory, J. D. Middlebrook, W. D. McCarty	\$ 2 25	2	9	7	...	4	3		139
Edward, P. W. Stovall	2 0	2	21	8	2	1	1		116
E. Partow, Robt. Birmingham	2 65	4	8	1	1	24	7	1	133
L. H. Morgan	1 25	2	...	...	...	...	1		31
Dyer, C. L. Merchant	85	4	13	5	...	3	4	...	100
Lowerton, J. M. Haynes	1 00	3	7	14	...	11	2	2	105
G. Gillentine, W. J. Thomas	1 50	4	3	4	...	7	1		124
	25	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	32
	95	3	...	1	...	1	2	3	62
	15	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
age	60	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	49
izler	55	4	13	14	...	10	...	...	30
	1 00	1	2	...	...	...	1	3	115
Williams	2 15	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	21
	1 60	1	16	3	1	15	4	1	84
Jessie Moore	2 50	3	...	4	...	20	...	2	57
	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1 60	4	5	37	...	...	...	...	47
	80	2	...	...	...	5	...	...	32
	1 50	3	5	...	...	8	...	...	41
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